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JAMES WEIDMAN, Proprietor.

—Mill men seem to be a source

of trouble to the News. It evidently

thinks they are a dangerous class

in the community. Its utterances

from time to time would indicate

that the one great possibility to be

feared is that the mill men may have

some say in the government of the

town. Rat Portage has not suffered

in the past from the actions of the

mill men, in fact without them and

the railroad men, the place would not

amount to much. Who has a

better right to a voice in our public

affairs than those who make a large

portion of the business of the town?

—The skating race last night was

won by Joe Pearson, who is now

the champion of the district. It

had been postponed from Tuesday

right to suit Mr. Higley, but he

backed out at the last moment when

the race was called claiming that

his feet were sore, having been

scolded in practice. The five miles

were made by Perrault in twenty

minutes. At the conclusion of the

race, a voluntary collection of \$11

was made toward a medal for George

Ducharme, who also made splendid

time.

MUNICIPAL COUNCIL.

The Rat Portage council met on

Monday. Present, John Nash, act-

ing reeve, and councillors Savage and

Belyea.

Inspector Woods reported that to

his knowledge there were 78 electric

lights not in use during the month of

February.

Communications were received

from Mr. W. Whyte, acknowledging

receipt of the clerk's letter, re-fencing the C. P. R. track

through Rat Portage.

Mr. Thos. Nixon stating that the

value of the C. P. R. right of way

through the municipality is \$10,000,

at which figure it should be as-

sed.

Mr. H. Waite was given the con-

tract for kalsomining the town-hall

and clerk's office.

Orders on the treasurer were is-

suited in favor of A. Woods, salary

\$65; John Kerr Brydon, on account

of salary, \$50; R. B. Donkin, fix-

ture runners, \$20.

The tender of Mr. McHattie—for

35 cords of wood at \$2.50, was ac-

cepted.

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spring days, mankind often groans from

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fails not.

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## TOWN TOPICS

—Mr. Holmes visited the Eagle river tie camp this week.

—Mr. Francis has erected a new picket fence in front of his boat house property.

—Mr. Thos Philbin, of Strathallen, Ont., is here making a short visit with his brother Mr. J. F. Philbin.

The News says "the Winnipeg curlers done up the local team," but does not say when they "done" it, or how they "done" it.

—Work is progressing on the addition to Mr. Chas. Sterling's new boat house, which will be 35x50 feet when completed.

—Mr. Walpole Roland, C. E., of Port Arthur, was here this week to examine and report on Minnesabie island and adjoining islands, it being the intention of the owners to work the mineral veins thereon.

A conference has lately been held between Gen. Sup't. White, and the assistant superintendent of the C. P. R. western division, and the committee of conductors and brakemen the readjustment of wages and other matters.

—A meeting of the merchants was held in the town hall yesterday afternoon, the object being to form an organization for protection against dead beats. After some discussion, the meeting adjourned to some future date, when it is expected a permanent organization will be formed.

—A rank of Winnipeg curlers was in town on Wednesday, and played a Rat Portage rink with the following result:

WINNipeg. — RAT PORTAGE.  
G. W. Murray, K. Hudson,  
John Dick, H. Langford,  
Alex. Black, N. Schmar,  
A. Brown, skip—17 H. Barnes, 7

—A very pleasant "ad hominem" was given last Monday evening at the residence of Mr. P. H. Clark by the Epworth League in connection with the Methodist church. The meeting was most enjoyably spent in various ways, there being music, singing games and other amusements. This was the first of a series, which are proposed to be given.

—Last Wednesday evening a lecture was delivered in the Presbyterian church by the Rev. Hugh Pedley, of Winnipeg. The subject was "Tom Brown in Winnipeg," and gave in a very entertaining manner, the adventures and difficulties encountered by a typical Englishman in making success in the city of Winnipeg. There was a large audience which enjoyed a rich literary treat.

—A letter received from Mr. Wm. McCarthy, states that a telegraph line from Rat Portage to Rainy river will, in the near future, be built by the Dominion Government; that the Lake of the Woods will be opened to net fishing with slight reservations near the Indian reserves, and that the improvements in the navigation of Rainy river will be proceeded with this year.

—Our humble poet "Billy Grimes," we fear, will begin to think that he is becoming a most important personage when he reads this week's issue of that mighty organ of public opinion printed down street. The great Rat Portage "Thunderbird" has actually devoted two-thirds of a long column of editorial to him. It is indeed a matter of astonishment that Mr. Grimes should receive so much attention from SO important a personage as the editor of the News. No doubt he will recover, as will also the readers of the News.

The management of the Princess rink have decided upon holding a carnival on Friday, 11th March. The following prizes will be given: best lady's costume, first, an oxidized collar and cuff box valued at \$5.50; second, a plush album valued at \$5; gentleman's best costume, first, a hair watch guard valued at \$3.50, second, gold scarf pin valued at \$2.25; girl's best costume, a rolled gold brooch valued at \$3.50; boy's best costume, a solid gold scarf pin valued at \$2.25; best costume, a book, Romeo and Juliet, valued at \$7.75. The prizes may be seen at Mr. D. T. Ferguson's jewelry store.

—There is published evidence of terrible excitement down at the News office. The trouble was so hot that it boiled over in a most contemptible attack upon a highly respected citizen, Mr. P. H. Clark, in reference to the printing of a small job for the municipality. Its statement as to the offers for printing the collector's notices is of the Ananias order. Written tenders were not put in, but verbal offers were given from the News and RECORD offices, and ours was twenty-five cents less (not more) than theirs. That is the plain fact as stated by Mr. Clark, and the people of Rat Portage will have no hesitation in taking his word before that of the editor of the News. As to the printing of the assessment notices, it is true that tenders were asked, but Mr. Clark's experience with this office has shown him that we do not make excessive charges, and therefore the municipality will not lose a cent by his action. In its frenzy the News forgot to tell its readers that it also has done printing for the municipality for which tenders were not asked. THE RECORD made no kick, nor did it make any personal attack upon any of the officials of the municipality in reference thereto. This office does what printing comes to it, and does not get excited if the News gets a little occasionally. It may or it may not be a matter of surprise that the News should become so greatly exercised over a matter of printing, the price of which will not be more than \$8. Since that paper has raised the question of municipal printing, THE RECORD proposes next week to show how that concern has extorted money from the people of Rat Portage for printing in the past.

On Wednesday evening the following telegram was received from Reeve Campbell in reference to the town corporation Bill now before the Legislative Assembly of Ontario: "Agreed to exempt Mather on water power improvements, his dam to be used as public thoroughfare, and he to keep same in repair... Any improvements erected on the water power to be assessable. Mather favorable to uniting Keeewatin on amicable terms to both parties. I would advise calling public meeting immediately, if the wish of people, make a proposition to Keeewatin council and confer with them on what basis and representation. I think the proposition a good one if can agree on division of wards. Committee thinks better to unite. If you do not wish to unite, can get bill through as revised by your committee and my agreement with Mather. Norman could not withdraw from us even if we desired to do so. Government against any such divisions."

On Thursday morning notices were issued calling a public meeting in the town hall that evening. Soon after eight o'clock Mr. John Nash, acting Reeve, called the meeting to order when the following resolution was introduced:

"That this meeting having duly considered the telegram from Reeve Campbell, and believing that as there is not sufficient time to consider the question of uniting with Keeewatin, it would be better to leave that matter over for further consideration. Resolved that Reeve Campbell be instructed to have the bill for the incorporation of the town of Rat Portage finally passed by the legislature as approved by the citizen's committee and the council of the township of Rat Portage."

It was passed without discussion, and a motion to adjourn was quickly carried. The meeting did not last longer than fifteen minutes.

Just as the motion to adjourn was carried, it was realized by some of those coming late that they had had no part in the supposed discussion of the contents of Reeve Campbell's telegram. Amid the confusion of an unorganized gathering, it was moved and seconded that Mr. H. Hall take the chair, which he did, and what was left of the former meeting and some new arrivals were called to order. After some hasty discussion, the second meeting almost unanimously confirmed the action of the previous meeting.

## NORMAN.

The Royal Templars of Rockland council, will hold an at home next Wednesday evening. A good time is expected.

There was a birthday party at the residence of Mr. Thos. Teevens a few evenings ago, which a number of friends attended.

A petition signed by a large number of ratepayers resident in Norman was forwarded to Mr. James Connec, M. P. P., last Monday night, asking that the interests of Norman be looked after in the proposed Bill of Incorporation.

The Rev. Hugh Pedley, of Winnipeg, delivered a lecture in the hall last Tuesday night. The Rev. R. Nairn, B. A., occupied the chair. The title of the lecture was "Tom Brown at Home," in which the Rev'd gentleman gives an account of his trip to England last summer. The lecture throughout was very interesting, and it was delivered with considerable force and ability.

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It is proposed to erect on the property plots for development, and in order to secure the assistance of the residents of the district and those who wish to assist, the company intend to place on the market, 25,000 shares of stock at the nominal rate of 20 cents per share, for the next thirty days.

Particulars of the company will be furnished on application to any of the members.

The company or any of its members will not be responsible for any liabilities incurred or contracts entered into, unless on the written order of D. L. Mather.

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for something to  
lighten your wife's labor  
Nothing you could buy  
would please her more  
than a good CARPET  
SWEEPER.

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BY FRANK R. STOCKTON.

AUTHOR OF—

"ROBERT GRANGER," "AMOS KILDRIDGE," "HIS APPROPRIETIONS EXPERIMENT," "THE BEER-  
MAN OF ORNY," "THE CHRISTMAS WRECK," "THE LADY OR THE TIGER,"  
"THE LATE MR. NULLE," "THE HUNDREDTH MAN," "THE CAST-  
ING AWAY OF MRS. INKES AND MRS. ASHSHINE,"

"THE DUSANATES," ETC., ETC.

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The syndicate did not particularly desire this vessel, but there was no other that could readily be made available for its purposes, and accordingly the Tallapoosa was purchased from the government and was immediately loaned to the syndicate. Her iron hull was put in good condition, and outside of her was built another hull, composed of heavy steel armor plates and strongly braced by great transverse beams running through the ship.

Still outside of this was placed an improved system of spring armor, much stronger and more effective than any which had yet been constructed. This, with the armor plates, added nearly fifteen feet to the width of the vessel above water. All her superstructures were removed from her deck, which was covered by a curved steel roof, and under a bomb proof canopy at the bow were placed two guns capable of carrying the largest size motor bombs. The following, thus transformed, was called Repeller No. 11.

The immense addition to her weight would of course interfere very much with the speed of the new repeller, but this was considered of little importance, as she would depend on her own engines only in time of action. She was now believed to possess more perfect defenses than any battle ship in the world.

Early on a misty morning Repeller No. 11, towed by four of the swiftest and most powerful crabs, and followed by two others, left a northern port of the United States, bound for the coast of Great Britain. Her course was to be northerly for the time being, so that the syndicate had enough to work for her to do while on her way across the Atlantic.

The syndicate had now determined, without unnecessarily losing an hour, to plainly demonstrate the power of the instantaneous motor bomb. It had been intended to do this upon the Adaman, but as it had been found impossible to induce the captain of that vessel to evacuate his ship, the syndicate had declined to exhibit the efficiency of their new agent of destruction upon a disabled craft crowded with human beings.

This course had been highly prejudicial to the members of the syndicate, as the No. 7 had indicated that the contract with the Adaman that the instantaneity of the motor bombs with which she was said to be supplied, it was generally believed on both sides of the Atlantic that she carried no such bombs; and the conviction that the destruction at the Canadian port had been effected by means of mines convinced as strong as it had ever been. To correct these false ideas was now the duty of Repeller No. 11.

For some time Great Britain had been steadily preparing for troops and munitions of war to Canada, without interruption from her enemy. Only once had the syndicate's vessels appeared above the banks of Newfoundland, and as the number of men on board was necessarily by rail, it was not supposed that their line of operations would be extended very far north, and no danger from them was apprehended, provided the English vessels laid their courses well to the north.

Shortly before the sailing of Repeller No. 11, the syndicate had received news that one of the largest transports and mail steamers, loaded with troops, and with heavy cañons for Canadian fortifications, and accompanied by the Craglevin, one of the largest ironclads in the Royal navy, had started across the Atlantic. The first business of the repeller and her attendant crab concerned these two vessels.

Owing to the power and speed of the crabs which towed her, Repeller No. 11 made excellent time; and on the morning of the third day on the two British vessels were sighted. Somewhat altering their course, the syndicate's vessels were soon within a few miles of the enemy.

The Craglevin was a magnificent warship. She was not quite so large as the Adaman, and she was unprovided with a storm jacket or other defense of the kind, but she was well armed and had been designed to defend the transports against the regular vessels of the United States navy; for although the nature of the contract with the syndicate was well understood in England, it was not supposed that the American government would long consent to allow their war vessels to remain entirely idle.

When the captain of the Craglevin perceived the approach of the repeller, he was greatly surprised, but he did not hesitate for a moment to meet the repeller. He signaled to the transports, then about a mile to the north, to keep on the way while he steered to meet the enemy. It had been decided in British naval circles that the proper thing to do in regard to a repeller was to ram her as quickly as possible. These vessels were necessarily slow and unwieldy, and if a heavy iron clad could keep clear of crabs long enough to ram down upon one, there was

externally, was very much like an ordinary shell, except that it was nearly as long as the bore of the cannon; and the director stated that although, of course, the principle of the motor bomb was the syndicate's secret, it was highly desirable that the world and its methods of operation should be known.

The repeller, accompanied by the small steamer and all the crabs, now moved to about two miles to the leeward of the Craglevin, and lay to. The motor bomb was then placed in one of the gunports, while the scientific corps attended to the necessary calculations of distance, etc.

The director now turned to the British captain, who had been observing everything, with the greatest interest, and, with a smile, asked him if he would like to commit hara-kiri?

As this remark was somewhat enigmatical, the director went on to say that it would be "my gratification" to the captain to destroy his vessel with his own hands, instead of allowing this to be done by the repeller, who was at liberty to do so. The offer was immediately accepted, for if his ship were really to be destroyed the captain felt that he would like to do it himself.

It is not necessary to enter into details of the ensuing action. Before the Craglevin was within half a mile of her enemy, she was seized by two crabs, all of which had cast loose from the repeller, and in less than twenty minutes both of her screws were extracted and her rudder shattered. In the meantime two of the swiftest crabs had pursued the transport, and coming up with her, one of them had fastened to her stern, and, with cutlasses, began making any attempt to injure her. When the captain of the steamer saw that one of the sea devils had him, by the stern, while another was near by ready to attack him, he prudently stopped his engines and lay to, the crab keeping his ship's head to the sea.

The captain of the Craglevin was a very different man from the captain of the Adaman. He was quite as brave, but he was wiser and more prudent. He saw that the transport had been captured and forced to lay to; he saw that the repeller mounted two heavy guns at her bow, and whatever might be the character of those guns, there could be no reasonable doubt that they were sufficient to sink an ordinary mail steamer. His own vessel was entirely out of his control, and even if he chose to try his guns on the spring armor of the repeller, it would probably result in the repeller turning her fire upon the transports.

He fired a single shot, and the lives of a dozen sailors, and the captain of the Craglevin saw that it would be wrong for him to attempt to fight, and he did not fire a gun.

With as much calmness as the circumstances would permit, he awaited the progress of events.

In a very short time a message came to him from Repeller No. 11, which stated that in two hours his ship would be destroyed by instantaneous motor bombs.

Every opportunity, however, would be given for the transfer to the small steamer of all the officers and men

on board the Craglevin, together with such of their possessions as they could take with them at that time.

When this had been done the transport would be allowed to proceed on her way.

To this demand nothing but acquiescence was possible. Whether or not there was such a thing as an instantaneous motor bomb the Craglevin's officers did not know; but they knew that if left to herself their ship would soon attend to her own sinking, for there was a terrible rent in her stern, to a pitch of the vessel while one of the propeller shafts was being extracted.

Preparations for leaving the ship were therefore immediately begun. The repeller was ordered to release the mail steamer, which, in obedience to signal from the Craglevin, steamed away from the vessel.

The repeller would permit no delay.

The British captain stood for a moment motionless, and then he picked up a rammer and ran it into the muzzle of the cannon which had been discharged.

The great gun was empty. The instantaneous motor bomb was not there.

Now he was convinced that the syndicate had not missed the fortresses which they had destroyed.

Now the director gave the signal, and the captain, with his eyes fixed upon his ship, touched the button. A quick shock ran through the repeller, and a black gray cloud, half a mile high, occupied the place of the British ship.

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In twenty minutes the two British officers who were on board the transport, which then沉没ed rapidly westward, the crabs again took the repeller in tow, and the syndicate's fleet continued its eastward course, passing through the wide expanse of glittering scum which had spread itself upon the sea.

They were not two-thirds of their way across the Atlantic when the transport reached St. John's, and the cable told the world that the Craglevin had been annihilated.

The news was received with amazement, and even consternation. It came from an officer in the Royal navy, and how could it be doubted that a great man-of-war had been destroyed in a moment by one shot from the syndicate's repeller? And yet, even now, there were persons who did doubt, and who asserted that the repeller might have placed a great torpedo under the Craglevin, which attached to this torpedo ran out from the repeller, and that the British captain had merely fired the torpedo. But hour by hour, fuller news came across the ocean, the number of these doubts being reduced to a minimum.

The arrival of the great public excitement, which now existed on both sides of the Atlantic—in the midst of all the conflicting opinions, fears and hopes—the dominant sentiment seemed to be in America as well as in Europe, one of curiosity. Were these six crabs and one repeller bound for the British Isles? And if so, what did they intend to do when they got there?

It was now generally admitted that one of the syndicate's crabs could disable a man-of-war, and that the repeller could sink a battleship.

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